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1. REGIONAL

WOLFF SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS IN INDOCHINA (UNCL):

BOB OAKLEY AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF ORM WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE WOLFF SUBCOMMITTEE MAY 10 TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT ON INDOCHINA AND REFUGEES AND TO FIELD THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S QUESTIONS. WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH AN ADVANCE LIST OF QUESTIONS, MOST OF WHICH DEAL WITH POLITICAL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA AND POLITICAL/MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS IN THE AREA.

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VISIT BY YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER TO VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA (LOU):

FOLLOWING ON THE HEELS OF THE YUGOSLAV PRESS DELEGATION VISIT TO CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM, YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MILOS MINIC ARRIVED IN HANOI APRIL 29 FOR A BRIEF VISIT. HE TRAVELED ON TO THAILAND MAY 1 AND ENTERED CAMBODIA

MAY 2. HE WILL ALSO VISIT INDIA BEFORE RETURNING TO YUGOSLAVIA. VIETNAMESE MEDIA GAVE SURPRISINGLY LITTLE PLAY TO THE VISIT. ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTER BORE WITH HIM A LETTER FROM TITO, HE WAS RECEIVED ONLY BY A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SRV. BY CONTRAST, CAMBODIAN RADIO HAS GIVEN GREAT ATTENTION TO THE VISIT AND THE GROUP HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY POL POT. THE YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS STATED MINIC WILL NOT ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY IN THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA DISPUTE. THAI FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE YUGOSLAVS ARE RELAYING TO PHNOM PENH THAI CONCERN ABOUT THE TROUBLED THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER.

2. CAMBODIA

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA(CONF):

THE NSC HAS ASKED US TO SUPPLY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEASURES THE U.S. CAN ADOPT TO ENCOURAGE THE CAMBODIAN REGIME TO IMPROVE ITS HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. EA HAS OUTLINED A SERIES OF MULTILATERAL AND OTHER STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO THIS END. MEANWHILE, THE MEDIA SPOTLIGHT CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON CAMBODIA.

AT THE OSLO HEARINGS (LOU):

AT THE CAMBODIA HEARINGS IN OSLO APRIL 21-23, AUTHORS
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PONCHAUD, BARRON AND PAUL AND A NUMBER OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEES DETAILED CONTINUING ABUSES OF THE PRESENT REGIME. JEAN LACOUTURE ACCUSED THE CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES OF DISCREDITING SOCIALISM AND MARXISM IN A "MURDEROUS DELIRIUM" BUT WARNED THIS SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS SUPPORT FOR THE VIETNAMESE, WHO ARE FUNCTIONING IN AN IMPERIALISTIC MANNER AGAINST THEIR MILITARILY WEAKER NEIGHBORS. ONLY FORMER SIHANOUK ADVISER CHARLES MEYER DEFENDED THE CAMBODIAN LEADERS AS NOT SO DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS REGIMES WHO HAD ALSO USED VIOLENCE AND EXECUTIONS. ONE NORWEGIAN PANEL MEMBER COMMENTED THE CAMBODIAN EXPERIENCE MUST RANK AS ONE OF THE GREATEST HUMAN CATASTROPHES OF ALL TIME. THE TRIBUNAL ORGANIZERS WILL DISTRIBUTE A RECORD OF THE MEETINGS LATER.

AT THE UN (CONF):

AT A UN ECOSOC MEETING APRIL 25 THE CHINESE DELEGATE DEPLORED THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ACTION WITH RESPECT TO CAMBODIA AND SPECIFICALLY ATTACKED THE "U.S. IMPERIALISTS" FOR LEVELING CAMBODIA BEFORE 1975. IN A RIGHT OF REPLY DELIVERED APRIL 27 THE U.S. DELEGATE RECALLED

PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT STATEMENT AND NOTED ALL UN MEMBERS HAD AN OBLIGATION UNDER THE CHARTER TO PROMOTE AND

ENCOURAGE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE CHINESE DELEGATION SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR CIRCULATION A STRONGLY-WORDED LETTER FROM CAMBODIA DENYING CHARGES AGAINST CAMBODIA AND VILIFYING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE ON THE CAMBODIA SITUATION AT THE GENEVA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETINGS. THE CAMBODIAN LETTER WAS MORE POLISHED THAN THEIR ANTI-VIETNAMESE PROPAGANDA AND MAY REFLECT A FINE CHINESE HAND IN THE DRAFTING.

AND ELSEWHERE(UNCL):
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JACK ANDERSON'S COLUMN IS RUNNING A SERIES ON THE PRESENT CAMBODIAN REGIME. A NUMBER OF OTHER JOURNALISTS HAVE TOLD US THEY WILL BE WRITING ON CAMBODIA AND ARTICLES AND STATEMENTS ON CAMBODIA CONTINUE TO BE INTRODUCED REGULARLY INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. FOUR MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN MARXIST-LENINIST (PRO-CHINA) PARTY VISITED CAMBODIA APRIL 22 TO 29. THEY WERE WARMLY RECEIVED BY FOREIGN MINISTER IENG SARY.

3. VIETNAM

INVITATION TO SRV SCIENTIST (LOU):

DR. JOHN LEVAN, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO INVITE DR. NGUYEN VAN HIEU, A PROMINENT PHYSICIST AND DIRECTOR OF THE SRV STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, TO ATTEND A SYMPOSIUM ON HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS TO BE HELD AT THE ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. THE INVITATION WOULD BE ON BEHALF OF THE U.S.-VIETNAMESE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, WHICH LEVAN IS SETTING UP IN CO-OPERATION WITH PROFESSORS GALSTON OF YALE AND COOPERMAN OF CALIFORNIA. LEVAN UNDERSTANDS THAT HIEU WILL ACCEPT. A WIDE RANGE OF PHYSICISTS FROM WESTERN AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ARGONNE SYMPOSIUM. HIEU'S ATTENDANCE WOULD BE THE FIRST BY A SRV SCIENTIST AT A U.S. CONFERENCE OF THIS SORT.

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVITED TO HANOI (LOU):

THE SRV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS INVITED THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONG KONG TO VISIT HANOI IN JUNE. AT
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THE SAME TIME THE PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT OF THE AMCHAM PHILIPPINE CHAPTER HAS WRITTEN TO SECRETARY VANCE URGING RELAXATION OF TRADE RESTRICTIONS SO THAT U.S. FIRMS WILL NOT BE LOCKED OUT OF WHAT THE LETTER TERMS THE DEVELOPING SRV MARKET.

AMCHAM HONG KONG HAS LONG SOUGHT AN INVITATION TO HANOI AND THE VIETNAMESE MOVE SIGNALS ANOTHER SRV EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN BUSINESS OPPOSITION TO THE TRADE EMBARGO. AS AMCONSUL HONG KONG FURTHER POINTS OUT, THIS MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT THE VIETNAMESE ARE PREPARING THE ATMOSPHERE FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF US/SRV TALKS.
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